

Sahuarro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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CM Frate recently observed an exciting Glendale University graduate class at [Luke Air Force Base](#). Frate helped out with a tour of the Luke AFB Flight Line and observed first-hand the taking off and landing of military aircraft. [Click here](#) to learn more about Glendale University.

67th Avenue Roadway Improvements. Infrastructure improvements along 67th Avenue from Camelback to Glendale began March 31, 2008 and are scheduled to be complete in Jan. 2009.

The second section involves 67th Avenue from Olive Avenue to north of Thunderbird, this construction is scheduled to begin this month and should be complete by April 2009. [Read more.](#)



Get Green at the Glendale Family Bike Ride. Give back to the great outdoors by taking a green ride at this year's Glendale Family Bike Ride, where going "Green" is the theme.

The 2008 Glendale Family Bike Ride is Sunday, April 13, at Sahuarro Ranch Park, located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. Registration for the ride is 7–9 a.m. with the bike ride beginning at 8 a.m.

Participants will enjoy a free 6- or 12-mile leisurely bicycle ride through Glendale neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo Pathway.

Each participant needs to bring used, plastic grocery bags (Bashas' will recycle the bags) to exchange for a free T-shirt, and complimentary refreshment stops are available along the route. In addition, there will be food, entertainment and a Kids Entertainment Zone.

Each rider is required to wear a helmet. Helmets may be purchased at the ride for \$10. [Read more.](#)



Shred It and Forget It. The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with the Arizona Attorney General's Office and the Target Corporation Saturday, April 19, for the city's first "Shred It and Forget It" event. This is a free event designed to promote public awareness about identity theft and fraud prevention. According to the Federal Trade Commission, identity theft impacts at least 9 million people each year. Shredding documents, instead of throwing them in the garbage, is an essential tool in combating identity theft.

Community members are invited to bring their unwanted personal documents to be shredded securely on site, free of charge. Local police officers will be on hand to assist Glendale residents with the shredding of up to three boxes of personal documents at no charge from 9 a.m. until noon at the Target Store located at 10404 N. 43rd Avenue.

Crime Prevention Specialists from the Glendale Police Department and staff from the Arizona Attorney General's Office of Community Services will be available to answer questions and give brief identity theft and fraud prevention presentations throughout the event. For more information call (623) 930-2571.

Glendale's 25th Annual Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival. The city of Glendale's Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival will celebrate its 25th year with a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 12-13. [Read more.](#)

As part of the event, the public can participate in a free clinic offered by Gibson Guitar clinician Ken McMahan on Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m.

This free clinic will offer the opportunity to learn technical skills from a Gibson Guitar expert. McMahan's wide range of performance, recording and music industry experience, as well as his knowledge of the history and construction of Gibson guitars, will be an informative and entertaining showcase of blues and rock music.

The clinic will last approximately ninety minutes, and will be held in the Glendale City Hall Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Seating is limited, and participants must pre-register by e-mailing david.duarte@dh.dvusd.org. For additional information on the free guitar clinic, e-mail mdickey@glendaleaz.com.

Nominations for Spark Awards due May 15. The Glendale Neighborhood Commission encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization that has made a commitment to the community or improved our neighborhoods for a 2008 Neighborhood Spark Award. The deadline to submit nominations has been extended to May 15, 2008. The award recipients will be honored by the Commission on Neighborhoods at the 2008 Neighborhood Leadership Forum, scheduled for Saturday, June 28 at 8 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive, Glendale, AZ 85301.

[Click here](#) for more information including a list of nomination categories and a downloadable nomination form.

Around Town

National Library Week. Join Glendale's Libraries in celebrating National Library Week April 13-19. National Library Week began in 1958 and is sponsored by the American Library Association. Glendale Public Library is pleased to observe this very special week! [Read more.](#)

The Glendale Coffeehouse. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, and there is no better place to be at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month than the Glendale Coffeehouse at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Performing in the auditorium on Apr. 16. Mike Kryszton returns with his smooth and accomplished performance. The duo of Sharon and Andy are quickly becoming a Valley favorite, and Steve Miller and friends deliver close harmonies. For more information, call (623) 930-3573. Admission is free.

That Thursday Thing! Duck, Duck, Shop! You will be singing "Rubber Duckie, You're the One" on Thursday, April 17th, 5-8 p.m., as Historic Downtown Glendale celebrates "Duck, Duck Shop" at the monthly That Thursday Thing event. Begin your experience at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where you will receive a gift bag, event map and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. Follow the map to find rubber duckies all along the way! [Read more.](#)

Relay for life. Each year, across the nation, one event brings entire communities together to take part in the fight against cancer. The event is the American Cancer Society Relay For Life®.

Glendale will host its 4th Relay for Life on April 19-20 from 6 p.m. Saturday until 6 a.m. Sunday. Glendale's Relay will take place on the Ironwood High School football field. Teams make camp for this overnight event while members from each team take turns continuously walking or running around the track.

For more information contact event chair GFD Battalion Chief Gary Benson, at (623) 693-0361 or at wbenson@glendaleaz.com. [Read more.](#)

Jammin' at the Library. The Acoustic Jam Session meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 30 in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. All levels of musicians are welcome in a round-robin circle. Play along with others, or just sit and enjoy the camaraderie of other musicians. In fact, knowing how to play an instrument is not essential to having a good time at this monthly gathering. Everyone is welcome to this free program. Call (623) 930-3573 for more information.

[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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